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CLERKS LET OUT

THREE IN THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT DISMISSED.

MORE WILL BE DROPPED SOON

Awarded Contracts to Favored Bidders and Were Extravagant and Wasteful—One is Guilty of Petty Smuggling.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Postmaster General Payne on Wednesday removed from office Michael W. Lewis, superintendent of supplies of the postoffice department. Louis Kemper, chief of the registry division of the third assistant postmaster general's office, and C. H. Terry, a \$300 clerk in the postoffice department, and directed the postmaster at New York to remove Otto Weiss, a clerk.

These removals are the first result of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Britton's report on the irregularities in the postoffice department. Information on the contemplated discharges did not leak out at the department until after 4 o'clock, and at 4:20 the postmaster general made an official announcement of his action as follows:

"Michael W. Lewis has been removed from the office of superintendent of the division of supplies because the recent investigation shows that he has been extravagant and wasteful in the administration of his office and that he has paid excessive prices for supplies to favored contractors.

"Louis Kemper, superintendent of the registry system, has been removed for incompetency, for wasteful and reckless expenditure in sending expensive manifest registry books to a large number of small fourth-class offices, and for violating the revenue laws by a system of petty smuggling.

"C. H. Terry, a clerk in the division of supplies, has been removed for making false affidavits, attempting to obtain money from the clerks under the guise that he could influence their promotion, and general inefficiency.

The postmaster general also stated that the postmaster at New York had been directed to remove Otto Weiss, clerk in the New York postoffice, for collecting money from clerks to influence legislation and to secure promotion.

In reply to questions Mr. Payne said the discharges were the result of disclosures made by the Britton report. "I have read the report," he said, "and am free to say that my action was the result of its perusal."

HUNTING FOR MORE FRAUDS.

Money Made by Selling Cans and Empty Barrels.

NEW YORK.—The War department is investigating charges of wholesale fraud in the quartermaster's department on Governor's island.

James R. Seville, who resigned his clerkship in the quartermaster's department of construction at Governor's island, and F. H. Ewald, chief clerk of the quartermaster's department at that post, have been for years selling the empty oil cans and oil barrels that accumulate in large quantities at that post, and that no accounting has been made to the government of the proceeds. The barrels have a market value of \$1.15 each.

OWES DEPOSITORS \$200,000.

People Got Scared and Withdrew Funds, Causing a Failure.

MEXICO CITY.—That portion of the community doing business with the various American banks in this city have been excited over the failure of the International Bank and Trust company, which had an office in New York and here.

Recent rumor had pointed to trouble coming from the institution and President Huerta, in an interview, says that the cause of the closing was nothing more or less than enormous withdrawals of funds by depositors. Within the past week depositors took out more than \$200,000. There is still due them \$200,000.

Creditors Lose \$40,000.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—A special from Mankato, Minn., says that the losses of the creditors of Alfred H. Buck, missing cashier of the Mankato State bank, are now estimated at \$40,000.

Admiral Glass Sails Away. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Rear Admiral Glass, with his squadron, left this port Thursday, bound for Acapulco. It is supposed that the warships are going on a practice cruise.

Job for Senator Quay's Boy. WASHINGTON.—A. G. C. Quay, son of Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, has just been appointed deputy naval officer at the port of Philadelphia.

Improvements in Berlin. BERLIN.—The Prussian government has authorized the Berlin municipality to issue the loan proposed last spring of \$57,500,000 for gas, water, sewage and electric lights.

National Treasury Balances. WASHINGTON.—The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve, shows: Available cash balance, \$255,632,383, gold, \$162,042,

ALASKAN AWARD.

Canada Is Not Reconciled to the Award.

LONDON.—The engraved copy of the Alaskan award was signed at 2:19 p. m. The Canadians declined to sign the award.

The Alaskan award relating to the Portland canal gives the United States two islands, Kanagashit and Sitkan, commanding the entrance of the Portland channel and the ocean passage to Port Simpson and destroying the strategic value of Wales and Pearse islands, which are given to Canada.

The mountain line adopted as the boundary lies so far from the coast as to give the United States substantially all the territory. The line completely clears all the bays and inlets and means of access to the sea, giving the United States a complete land barrier between Canada and the sea from the Portland canal to Mount St. Elias. Around the head of the Lynn canal the line follows the watershed somewhat in accordance with the present provisional boundary.

In consequence of the attitude maintained by the Canadian commissioners, Lord Chief Justice Alverstone decided this morning not to hold the proposed public meeting of the Alaskan boundary commission, but to hand its decision to Messrs. Foster and Sifton, respectively agents of the American and Canadian governments.

The Canadian commissioners not only declined to sign the award, but said they would publicly withdraw from the commission.

They, as well as the Canadians connected with the case, are very bitter.

Telegrams from Premier Laurier and other prominent persons in Canada show that this sentiment is shared generally throughout the dominion.

Messrs. Aylesworth and Jette have issued a long statement in the nature of an argument explaining the content of Canada and why it should have prevailed.

Messrs. Aylesworth and Jette will submit their contrary opinions to the tribunal, so as to go officially on record and while they declined to sign the award, they signed the maps agreed on by the majority.

RECORD LOWERED.

Crescous Beats the World's Trotting Figure.

WICHITA, Kan.—Crescous broke the world's trotting record for a mile Monday afternoon, going the distance in 1:59, beating the previous record held by Lou Dillon and Major Delmar by a quarter of a second.

The day was ideal and the track could not have been better. Mr. Ketcham worked the horse out before the final test in 2:15 and then sent him the record. He broken when he first scored for the record, but on the next attempt was sent off, going to the first quarter in 30 far. There was a cheer when he reached the half in 1:04, and when the three-quarters was passed in 1:30 the cheer became an uproar.

Just before he reached the wire Crescous broke and it is believed lost fully three-quarters of a second. He caught handsily and dashed under the wire in 1:59. No wind shield was used. Crescous was paced by Mike the Tramp.

Such an oration as was given Crescous when he trotted a mile in 1:59, and made a new world's record has rarely been witnessed. The stallion was nearly smothered, so eager were the people to pat him or get near enough to touch him.

George H. Ketcham, who owns Crescous and drove him, said: "The conditions were perfect. When I was here week before last the track was wet but I saw its advantages and determined to come back. The result justified my expectations. I knew before the race that the stallion would beat his record, but I did not anticipate a triumph so complete. I shall go to Oklahoma City and Fort Scott right away to keep engagements and that will be the last time Crescous will appear in public."

Steamer Loaded With Gold. PLYMOUTH, Eng.—The sum of \$2,000,000 in gold was landed here Friday from Bombay. This is the largest shipment ever brought to England on one steamer.

Electric Car Attains High Speed. BERLIN.—An electric car on Friday in the high speed experiments on the Marienfelde-Sosseken line attained the speed of 130 2/3 miles per hour.

Annual Report of the G. CHICAGO.—The annual report of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad for the year ending June 30, just issued, shows an increase in gross earnings of \$5,843,124, and in net earnings of \$2,963,528. The surplus was increased by \$1,228,149. The report also calls attention to the fact that the length of road operated June 30 was 8,124 miles, as against 8,124 miles at the end of the preceding fiscal year.

Roosevelt Commutes Sentences. WASHINGTON, D. C.—The president has commuted to expire immediately the sentences of Marion Marshall, Cyrus Bains and Burton Harper, coal miners, who were convicted in West Virginia of resisting a United States deputy marshal. They were sentenced on June 21, 1903. Marshall and Harper to imprisonment for eight months and Bains to imprisonment for five months in the Raleigh county jail.

Would Banish Fireworks. LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Dr. Henry E. Tuley, secretary of the Mississippi Valley Medical association made public a set of resolutions taking a strong stand against the sale of pyrotechnics favoring the enactment of national laws against the manufacture of fireworks and the open treatment of all weapons, however insignificant, which were adopted at the convention of the organization, which was held recently in Memphis.

AT THE CAPITAL

POSTMASTER GENERAL BARS INDICTED ATTORNEY.

TUNING THE RASCALS OUT

Estimates of Departmental Expense—Interior Department Will Require Less Money, but War Department Asks for a Little More.

WASHINGTON.—Postmaster General Payne on Friday signed an order debarring H. J. Barrett of Baltimore, nephew of former Attorney General Tyler and for some years law clerk and acting assistant attorney general for the department, from practice before the department. Barrett was indicted by the grand jury in connection with the investment cases.

The postmaster accepted the resignation of William H. Landvoigt, chief of the division of classification of mails of the postoffice, to take effect at the close of business Saturday.

The secretary of the interior has completed and forwarded to the secretary of the treasury his estimate of the appropriations necessary to conduct the affairs of the interior department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905. The estimate places the total requirement for the department at \$156,000,000, which is about \$2,000,000 less than the appropriation for the current year. The proposed reduction will be made in the pension bureau and the Indian office. The estimate for pensions is \$126,800,000, or \$1,700,000 less than the appropriation made for this year. There also is a cut of \$1,200,000 in the estimate for the Indian bureau. The estimate for the expenses of conducting the affairs of the five civilized tribes of Indians is \$528,553. The reduction in the pension estimate is due to the calculation of deaths of pensioners made by the commissioner of pensions.

War Department Estimates. The estimates for the war department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, show a net increase over the estimates of the previous year of about \$130,000. This, including \$16,000,000 for river and harbor improvements, for which no estimates were submitted last year. The estimate for the military, which includes the pay, equipment and supplies for the army, is about \$79,000,000, \$200,000 less than last year. The estimates for public works of a military character, which includes arsenals, forts, barracks, buildings and grounds, aggregate \$24,000,000, which is about \$16,000,000 less than last year.

Bristow's Report Ready. Friday's meeting of the cabinet was brief. Only four members, Secretary Hay and Cortelyou, Postmaster General Payne and Attorney General Knox, were present. Postmaster General Payne announced that the report of Mr. Bristow on the postoffice investigation would be placed in the hands of the president either Saturday or on Monday. It has not been decided when the report will be given to the public.

DROPS CHIEF OF DIVISION. William H. Landvoigt of Post Office Department Resigns Upon Request. WASHINGTON.—William H. Landvoigt, chief of the classification division of the Postoffice department, on Thursday presented his resignation to Postmaster General Payne.

The resignation was requested by Mr. Payne as a result of the investigation by the inspectors of the charges proving out of the employment of Mr. Landvoigt's son in the General Manufacturing company of Franklin, Pa., which had a contract for supplying patented registry books to the department.

Mr. Landvoigt was chief of the registry division of the department prior to his comparatively recent transfer to take charge of the classification work of the department.

China Uses Wireless System. PEKING.—The Marconi system of wireless telegraphy was inaugurated Sunday between Peking and the coast.

Plot to Kill Russian Consul. CONSTANTINOPLE.—In consequence of the discovery of a military plot to kill M. Belafett, the Russian consul at Uskub, the government has rushed six battalions of troops thither from Koprulu and Perlepe.

African Prince to Kansas School. WINFIELD, Kan.—An African prince is to attend school in this city for the next two years. B. R. O'Connor of this city has a son living in Lal Lal, Basutoland, Rhodesia. King Lewanika of that province has two sons attending school in England and one in Australia and one will come to America to learn the ways of this country. The young prince will board with a respectable colored family in Winfield.

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More Mines to Be Closed. GALENA, Kas.—The coal and mine owners and operators of the Galena district submitted plans on Friday for a total shut-down of the mines and mills to force the price of ore above the prices now offered by the smelting combine. Extensive operators here consider this to be the most practical and effective way of raising the price of ore and holding the price on a par with the price of pig lead.

Scientists Find Discoveries. ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo.—A party of scientific men from Washington have just returned from a visit to the Teton Park country, where they found the remains of a number of prehistoric animals including the camel, the rhinoceros and the dinosaur. A prehistoric horse in a bad state of preservation was also unearthed, together with many other valuable specimens, which will shortly be shipped to Washington, D. C.

OUR UNCLE WINS.

United States Successful in Boundary Dispute.

LONDON.—The Alaskan boundary commission has reached an agreement whereby all the American contentions are sustained with the exception of those in relation to the Portland canal, which Canada wins. All that now remains to be done is for the commissioners to affix their signatures to the decision and complete the map which will accompany it. On the map will be marked the boundary line definitely fixing the division of American and British territory on such a basis that no American citizen will lose a foot of land he already believed he held, while the United States will retain all the waterways to the rich Alaskan territory, with the exception of the Portland canal, which gives Canada the one outlet she so much needed.

The long-standing dispute was only settled after a week of keen trying, secret deliberation between the arbitrators. Even up to within a few hours of the end of the conference there was an acute possibility that a disagreement might result and the whole proceedings fall to the ground. Lord Alverstone, though openly inclined to believe in the justice of the American argument, that the United States was entitled to the heads of inlets, as contained in question five, held out that Canada had established her case in questions two and three, dealing with the Portland canal.

After Impeachment Senator Lodge, Secretary Root and Senator Turner agreed to cede those points and to start the American boundary line from the head of the Portland canal, thus giving the Canadians that channel and some small islands on which there are only a few deserted stone houses. This accomplished, the majority of the tribunal agreed to fix, with this exception, the entire boundary as outlined in the American case. Whether Messrs. Aylesworth and Jette, the Canadian commissioners, will refuse to sign the decision and make it unanimous is not yet known, but it will not affect the validity of the agreement. If a minority report is submitted, by next Monday afternoon it is hoped that everything will be ready for signature, though the actual marking of the line on the map which shall forever determine the respective territories, will occupy some time.

The majority of the commissioners left the foreign office hurriedly, in order to catch trains for week-end visits to the country. Nothing had occurred which would lead the few on-lookers even to suspect that the dispute had reached its practical end. The commissioners themselves are still bound to secrecy until the decision is actually rendered, and practically few others were really aware how great a degree of success had attended the efforts of the American members of the tribunal.

FORGERIES OF \$25,000. The Bank Cashier Makes Confession of His Transgression. PRINCETON, Wis.—J. E. Lerner, cashier of the Princeton bank, has been arrested and taken to Hartford, where he is in jail.

State Bank Examiner Borah stated Monday night that Lerner had confessed that the forgeries amount to the sum of \$25,000.

The Princeton State bank is closed and the Monticello State bank, of which Lerner is vice president, has been ordered by the state officials not to open its doors for business for a few days.

Specialization in grain, Lerner says, was the cause. Lerner came here as cashier of the Princeton bank eight years ago, and the examiners believe that the forgeries have covered a period of six years.

SOLDIER HAS YELLOW FEVER. Only New Case Reported is at Fort Sam Houston. SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—The yellow fever situation in San Antonio at the close of the day was very encouraging. The bulletin at night follows: New cases: 1; deaths: none; total cases: 9; total deaths: 2. The new case reported today is that of a soldier at Fort Sam Houston, who was taken sick before the post quarantined the city. The state quarantine declared against San Antonio has caused much indignation here, as the governor has not declared a state quarantine against Laredo, where there are nearly 500 cases, against nine cases in San Antonio.

Cabinet in Norway Resigns. CHRISTIANIA, NORWAY.—The cabinet presided over by Otto Biehl has resigned in consequence of a parliamentary committee's decision over the opposition in a disputed election in the Nedrelands district whereby the opposition gained four seats. A coalition cabinet made up of conservative and moderate liberals, will be formed at once. King Oscar has entrusted Prof. Hagerup to form the new cabinet.

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FOR ANNEXATION

SOME CANADIANS FAVOR JOINING THE UNITED STATES.

ONE OVER BOUNDARY AWARD

If Joined to Uncle Sam Will They Have Some Influence—A Faction Favors Becoming an Independent Nation.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Local feeling is very bitter over the award of the Alaskan Boundary Commission. There is much talk of annexation and of Canada becoming independent. Business men are generally much dissatisfied at what they pronounce British disregard of Canadian interests to place the United States. It is a matter of comment that the loudest amongst the discontented are Englishmen residing here. Many of these say that Canada will never achieve its greatest possibilities until it becomes a part of the United States.

Rev. Elliot S. Rowe, the leading Methodist minister of British Columbia and who, with Chief Justice Hunter, constituted the Labor commission which met this summer, in an interview here, said:

"I am a Britisher and I have always been a Britisher, but if Great Britain is to hand Canada over piecemeal to the United States, I may let us join the American republic alone. By doing so now we are large enough, populous enough and important enough to have something to say regarding the terms of such annexation, and also would be potent enough to have something to say in the affairs of the republic, of which we would form a part. But if we wait until our best and richest territory is given away we shall simply be absorbed. It looks to me as if Canada had won the case and lost the territory."

Mayor Needlands of Vancouver thinks that the Alaskan award may lead to the establishment of Canada as an independent nation.

Congratulate American Members. WASHINGTON.—On receipt of official advice concerning the award of the Alaskan Boundary Commission President Roosevelt sent the following cablegram to Messrs. Lodge, Turner and Root, the American members of the commission:

"Congratulate you heartily in the name of the people of the United States.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

CONTRACTOR STERN ON TRIAL

Preliminary Hearing Before Supreme Court for Furnishing Satchels. WASHINGTON.—Leopold J. Stern, the Baltimore contractor arrested in Toronto under two warrants charging false pretense in the supply to the government of satchels for rural fire delivery carriers, was given a preliminary hearing in the supreme court Tuesday. Stern pleaded not guilty. Postoffice Inspector Walter B. Meyer, who worked up the case against Stern, was called to the witness stand, but before his examination was concluded court adjourned for the day. The case will be continued Wednesday.

Assistant District Attorney Taggart reviewed the charges against Stern, who, he said, submitted a bill and received money for satchel straps which he never furnished. "The bill on its face," said Mr. Taggart, "was a lie. There were 1,557 satchels supplied, but they did not have the straps stipulated in the contract."

On cross-examination of Inspector Meyer the defense brought out the admission that Stern had claimed that he secured the permission of two postal officials to furnish the satchels without straps.

Election Don't Affect Contract. WASHINGTON.—On a question raised in the case of a representative elect in congress, who owns property leased to the Postoffice department, it has been decided that a contract made by the proper officer with a person who, during the existence of a contract, is elected a member of congress, is not affected by such election. This is based on a decision of Attorney General Rodney, rendered in 1899, a year after the passage of an act of congress prohibiting any member of congress from making a contract with the government.

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CALL FOR EXTRA SESSION.

President Issues Summons for Both Chambers to Meet.

WASHINGTON.—The president issued this proclamation:

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation: Whereas, By the resolution of the senate of March 19, 1903, the approval by congress of the reciprocal commercial convention between the United States and the republic of Cuba, signed at Havana on December 11, 1902, is necessary before the said convention shall take effect, and

Whereas, It is important to the public in these United States that the said convention shall become operative, as nearly as may be. Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the power vested in me by this constitution, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the convening of both houses of the congress of the United States at their respective chambers in the city of Washington, on the ninth day of November next, at 12 o'clock noon, to the end that they may consider and determine whether the approval of the congress shall be given to said convention.

All persons entitled to act as members of the Fifty-eighth congress are required to take notice of this proclamation.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States at Washington on the 25th day of October, 1903. In the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-eighth.

(Sigs.)

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

By the President:

JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

BETTER HAT WAS EXPECTED.

America Gains Title to More Territory Than Anticipated.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The impression prevails at the State department that the details of the Alaskan Boundary Commission's decision will not be known until the mails bring copies of the maps and other documents actually laid before the commission. There is a slight gap in the outline description of the boundary in the northern portion which will probably be filled in when the full transcript is received.

Closer inspection of the charts here, in the light of Mr. Foster's dispatch of yesterday, adds to the satisfaction of the officials, particularly as the commission actually extended the American title over a large territory north of the Klondike river boundary claimed by Secretary Evans.

One of the concluding acts of the Union Veteran Legion, which closed its annual meeting at Dayton, Ohio, was the adoption of a resolution bitterly protesting against the plan of placing a statue of General Robert E. Lee in the hall of fame.

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That 75 per cent of the \$4,000,000 in judgments against Chicago are based upon bogus and fraudulent personal injury claims is said to be the charge which City Attorney Smulkin is prepared to make before the city hall "graft" committee.

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Arrangements have been made by Commander Brownson of the naval academy and Colonel Mills of the military academy for a four ball game between the West Point and Annapolis teams at Philadelphia on November 25.

Great preparations are being made for the proposed visit of King Alfonso of Spain to Portugal. It is rumored that during the visit the Infante Don Alfonso, brother of King Carlos, will ask for the hand of Donna Mercedes, the sister of King Alfonso.

A German physician in the island of Java has discovered a cure for leprosy. The international medical commission for the suppression of leprosy has recommended that a prize of \$25,000 be awarded him.

Decides Against Venezuela. PORT OF SPAIN, Island of Trinidad.—Jackson H. H. Balfour of Washington, the umpire of the Italian commission at Caracas, has decided against Venezuela in the claim for the payment of the double local taxes, which decision applies in principle to the attempts now being made by the Venezuelan government to collect a second tax on goods imported at Ciudad Bolivar, under the recent revolutionary government.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Terry McGovern got the decision over Jimmy Briggs of Celona at the Criterion academy at Boston, Mass. in the fifteenth round.

The sale of a seat on the New York stock exchange at \$51,000 was reported. A year ago memberships were held at over \$80,000.

A San Francisco firm has made a bid for the entire issue of Hawaiian bonds, which Secretary of the Territory Carr is now engaged in floating in the eastern states.

Last week Lord Roberts received congratulations on his 71st birthday. It was in 1832 that the present commander-in-chief of the British army was born in Cavapere.

The St. Louis court of appeals handed down a decision that the insurance company has not the right to repair damage done to property by fire without the consent of the insured.

At Springfield, Ill., a telegram was received announcing the death at Auburn Park, Ill., of Mother Stuart, the famous temperance advocate, and one of the founders of the W. C. T. U.

William H. Leavitt, the artist who married Ruth Bryan, intends to take up his residence in St. Louis until after the World's Fair, as he expects there will be remunerative work there.

President Roosevelt authorized the statement that there is no truth in the rumors of differences of opinion between himself or Secretary Shaw or among other members of the cabinet.

George Duncan, a lawyer of New York, was accidentally shot and killed near Russellville, Ky., while out hunting. He is a nephew of George B. Edwards, president of the Deposit bank.

A careful revision of the losses by the fire at Aberdeen, Wash., shows the aggregate to be \$235,000, with \$183,000 insurance. Plans for rebuilding with brick and stone are progressing rapidly.

L. J. Hart, secretary of the St. Paul, Minn., board of trade, and a prominent business man, died as a result of self-inflicted bullet wounds in the head. President Burke thinks the death was accidental.

The National Spiritualists' association of the United States and Canada met at Washington in its eleventh annual convention with nearly 300 delegates present. This is one of the largest conventions ever held.

M. Pepin, a socialist member of the Belgian chamber of deputies, was stabbed at Mons while walking on the street with some friends. There are slight hopes of his recovery. The assassin struck M. Pepin from behind and succeeded in making his escape.

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